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TAGS: KPOW, MOPS, PREL, PHUM, RS
SUBJECT: POW/MIA: REINTERVIEW OF COLONEL ORLOV

REF A) 92 MOSCOW 31149 B) MOSCOW 11107

1. SUMMARY: ON AUGUST 19, 1993, TFR REINTERVIEWED COLONEL ALEKSANDR SEMYONOVICH ORLOV WHO REPEATED PREVIOUSLY ACQUIRED INFORMATION ON HIS ROLE IN PREPARING INTERROGATION QUESTIONNAIRES FOR AMERICAN POWS IN KOREA, BUT DENIED EVER SUGGESTING THAT AMERICAN POWS WERE TRANSFERRED OUT OF KOREA TO THE SOVIET UNION. END

SUMMARY.

2. ON AUGUST 19, 1993, TFR REPRESENTATIVES PARR, CONNELL, AND TROYAN REINTERVIEWED COLONEL (RET.) ALEKSANDR SEMYONOVICH ORLOV, OF THE INSTITUTE OF MILITARY HISTORY, AT ILYINKA 12. TAT'YANA KOLTOVICH REPRESENTED THE RUSSIAN SIDE OF THE COMMISSION. DURING LENGTHY QUESTIONING AND DISCUSSION, ORLOV CONSISTENTLY REPEATED MOST OF THE INFORMATION IN REFTELS A AND B, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS.

3. COLONEL ORLOV SAID HE KNOWS OF THE INTERROGATION OF APPROXIMATELY 50 US POWS IN KOREA. AND ADDED THAT THE QUESTIONNAIRES PREPARED BY HIS TEAM WERE UNDOUBTEDLY USED IN THE INTERROGATIONS OF OTHER US POWS. ORLOV ALSO SAID HE WAS PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN ACTIVELY INTERROGATING ONLY ONE AMERICAN POW, A LIEUTENANT COLONEL BLACK, USAF, WHO WAS ON THE STAFF OF 5TH US AIR FORCE. HE SAID HE WAS UNCERTAIN OF THE PHYSICAL LOCATION OF THE INTERROGATION CENTER, BUT KNEW THAT IT WAS BETWEEN PYONGYANG AND SINANJU, AND THAT IT TOOK APPROXIMATELY TWO AND HALF HOURS TO DRIVE FROM PYONGYANG TO THE CENTER OVER VERY BAD ROADS. ORLOV REITERATED THAT HE NEVER HEARD OF ANY POWS BEING MOVED FROM N. KOREA TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY. HE SAID POW RESEARCHER COLE MUST HAVE MISUNDERSTOOD HIM IF COLE THOUGHT THAT ORLOV MENTIONED MOVEMENT OF US POWS OUT OF N. KOREA.

4. AFTER THE DISCUSSION ON KOREA, ORLOV SAID HE WISHED TO MAKE A STATEMENT. HE STATED THAT HE PERSONALLY INTERROGATED THE CREW OF THE C-118 AIRCRAFT DOWNED ON JUNE 27, 1958 IN ARMENIA AND PARTICIPATED IN THE CREW'S REPATRIATION THROUGH IRAN. HE SAID HE BELIEVED ARMENIAN CIVILIANS CLAIMING THEY SAW PARACHUTES EXITING THE C-130 AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1958 IN ARMENIA, ARE CONFUSING THIS EVENT WITH THE JUNE 27, 1958 DOWNING, SINCE THE FIVE (5) CREWMEN DID INDEED, EXIT THE C-118 AIRCRAFT USING THEIR PARACHUTES. HE NOTED THAT ALL REMAINS AND CREWMEN WERE REPATRIATED FROM THE JUNE 27, 1958, INCIDENT AND THAT THE POLITICAL CLIMATE WAS IDENTICAL A LITTLE OVER TWO MONTHS LATER IN SEPTEMBER. HE SAID THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE THE SOVIETS WOULD HAVE REACTED DIFFERENTLY IN SEPTEMBER.

5. ORLOV ALSO RECOMMENDED ALL ISSUES OF THE NEWSPAPERS PRAVDA, IZVESTIA AND RED STAR FOR 1951 BE REVIEWED FOR NAMES OF POWS. SINCE MANY PROPAGANDA ARTICLES WERE WRITTEN ON THE SUBJECT DURING THAT YEAR. HE SPECIFICALLY REMEMBERS LIEUTENANT COLONEL BLACK BEING MENTIONED IN ONE ARTICLE, SINCE THE AUTHOR USED A "PLAY ON WORDS" IN MENTIONING BLACK'S NAME, EQUATING IT WITH "BLACK" OPERATIONS. ORLOV ALSO SAID THERE WERE TWO (2) AIR DEFENSE DIVISIONS SUBORDINATE TO THE 64TH AIR CORPS, COMMANDED BY GENERAL LOBOV. THESE TWO DIVISIONS PROVIDE AIR DEFENSE IN THE YALU RIVER AREA OF N. KOREA. ONE OF THESE DIVISIONS WAS HEADQUARTERED IN CHINA, BUT ITS BATTERIES WERE BASED IN N. KOREA. THE OTHER WAS BASED

ENTIRELY IN N. KOREA. ORLOV NOTED LOBOV'S EXTENSIVE WRITINGS ON THE AIR WAR IN KOREA, AND SAID THAT HE WAS SURE GENERAL LOBOV WOULD BE HAPPY TO MEET WITH TFR REPRESENTATIVES AT ANY TIME. TFR WILL ATTEMPT TO SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL LOBOV.

6. TASK FORCE RUSSIA SENDS. PICKERING

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